



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Adrianus J. VAN DEN NIEUWELAAR, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/915,027 Art Unit: 3643  
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MAKING AN INCISION IN THE  
SKIN OF A SLAUGHTERED ANIMAL, AND FOR  
PERFORMING A SUBCUTANEOUS OPERATION

Attorney Docket No. V0028/260870

**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition that the period for responding to the Office Action mailed on March 16, 2004 be extended for three months, up to and including September 16, 2004. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$950 for this extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The undersigned attorney believes no further fees are due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to debit deposit account no. 11-0855 to the extent necessary if fees are due.

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